
YOUTH COUNCIL ON WORKFORCE SERVICES

Monday, March 8, 2007

1385 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

Monthly Meeting Minutes

2:00 p.m.

Presiding: Steve Leyba – Facilitating for Paul Jackson

Present: Edith Bird, David Melville, Akilah Messado, Kevin Miller
(for Dr. John Latkiewicz), Roland Oliver, Angela Romero, Scott Snelson,
Steve Titensor, Clifford Uckerman, Sheri VanBibber, Lorena Horse

Absent: Sandra Hemmert

Excused: Kay Forbush, Senator Brent Goodfellow, Paul Jackson, Jon Pierpont,
Dr. Stephen Ronnenkamp, Jude Schmid

Staff: Amber Adams, Frances Atkins, Rod Barlow, Jane Broadhead,
Marianne Brough, Cassy Hahn, Steve Leyba, Mary Peterson,
Kristen Wood

Youth Council committees met together for 45 minutes beginning at 2:00 pm. The Youth Council meeting began at 2:45 pm. Paul Jackson was excused due to a business conflict and Jon Pierpont was excused due to another commitment. Steve Leyba, Assistant Regional Director facilitated today's meeting.

1. Welcome

Steve Leyba asked for introductions from all in attendance. He extended a special welcome to Lorena Horse (Indian Walk-in Center), Cliff Uckerman (Salt Lake Neighborhood Housing Services), and Edith Bird (Jordan School District) who have joined Youth Council. He also welcomed Scott Snelson from SLTATC who is attending his first meeting.

Steve Leyba provided an update on Paul Jackson who has been serving as Chair for Youth Council for the past several years. Mr. Jackson was appointed sometime last year as the Central Region Council Chair. Since that time, he has been doing both jobs. Steve Leyba expressed his appreciation for Mr. Jackson and the excellent job he has done. He has made a big difference while serving on the Youth Council in this capacity.

Parley Jacobs has been appointed as the new Youth Council Chair replacing Paul Jackson. Mr. Leyba welcomed Mr. Jacobs into this new position and expressed his appreciation to him for his willingness to serve. Parley Jacobs introduced himself and highlighted his career working with youth. He noted his enthusiasm and desire to solve problems and do what is best for the youth.

Included in packets is the Committee Description and Roster. Mr. Leyba asked that everyone review and make any changes and/or modifications and give to Cassy Hahn to update this information.

2. Approval of Minutes – January 22, 2007

Steve Leyba asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2007 Youth Council meeting. Sheri VanBibber motioned to approve the minutes as written. David Melville seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”. The motion carried.

3. Youth Orientation – Slideshow Presentation – Jane Broadhead

Jane Broadhead, State Program Specialist for DWS Youth Programs, presented a slideshow centered on “What to Know About WIA Youth”. This new member orientation focused on the basic fundamentals of the WIA Youth Program. A guide with more information will be posted on the jobs.utah.gov website sometime toward the end of April, 2007.

The mission of the State Youth Council is “coordinating, disseminating and ensuring quality services to Utah’s youth”. The vision is “Utah’s at-risk youth live successfully as adults”. Ms. Broadhead highlighted the following areas:

- The purpose of the State Youth Council
- The purpose of the Regional Youth Council
- Funds provided by U.S. Department of Labor
- Dual Purposes:
 1. Help youth succeed in school
 2. Help youth get and keep jobs
- Eligibility
- New Strategic Vision
- Service Delivery Process – Two Stages
- Required Services
- Service Elements
- Performance Outcomes

Ms. Broadhead concluded by opening to any questions. Steve Leyba commented for Paul Jackson noting that he had a model to put into place for the Youth Council. This model included:

- Compliance with contract
- WIA Youth (other youth needing to be served)
- All Youth

The Youth Council has been trying to operate keeping the entire picture in view recognizing that the primary goal is the contract and insuring compliance.

Jane Broadhead noted that this model is exactly what the Department of Labor would like Council to pay attention to and this philosophy goes right along with the WIA Youth Program.

The six targeted youth categories are:

- Youth in Foster Care
- Youth Aging out of Foster Care
- Children of Incarcerated Parents
- Migrant Youth
- Youth Corrections
- Out of School Youth

Beginning July 1, 2007 the Department of Labor has asked that special attention be paid to Native American Youth and Disabled Youth.

Handouts of the State Youth Council Goals were distributed and include:

- Focus on Structure
- Focus on Youth

Jane Broadhead concluded with one message to take away is that “we don’t have the voice of young people on Youth Council” and need to make this happen. She encouraged everyone to work towards this need.

4. YES Leadership Development Service Project – Marianne Brough

Marianne Brough spoke on the leadership development project funding which is \$1,000. The Central Region project is typically split into two different projects, one for Salt Lake and one for Tooele. Criteria to be considered are:

1. Does it allow other community resources to be leveraged?
2. Does it allow the youth to plan and present?
3. Does it encourage use of the media?
4. Does it provide a way for the success of the project to be measured?

The two projects to be considered were presented as follows:

1. Frances Atkins, Leadership Council from Salt Lake presented the Salt Lake proposal, which is for the youth to build a rope course for the Division of Youth Services. The idea for this rope course will be to help create a leadership, life skills, and therapy service. Steve Titensor noted that this has been a dream of the Recreation Therapist for the Division and when YES came to her with this idea it was very exciting.

The Youth Council voted on the Salt Lake project. David Melville made the motion to approve this project. Sheri VanBibber seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”. The motion carried.

2. Marianne Brough presented the Tooele proposal, which is to have the youth improve their community by painting a wall to improve community patriotism and those who serve their community. A wall on Main Street will be used to paint a patriotic mural, which will cover graffiti currently there. The project will involve a local artist and are working with local businesses to help with donations

for the project. The plan is to unveil the painting with the media present, increase the involvement of youth and community, and thank those serving. It was noted to be sure to balance diversity and gender on this project and to make sure the painting is sealed.

Steve Leyba asked who would approve the painting and recommended that the sketch be brought to the Youth Council for approval on what it will represent. This should also be taken to the Tooele City Council as well as the Mayor for approval. Angela Romero offered to help with obtaining approval to ensure properly represented.

The Youth Council voted on the Tooele Proposal. David Melville motioned to approve this project with the concerns being addressed before painting such as:

- **Include community**
- **Obtain Tooele City Council and Mayors approval**
- **Gender/Diversity represented equitably**
- **Youth Council to see final draft before painted**
- **Make sure painting is sealed**

Sheri VanBibber seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”. The motion carried.

5. State Council Report – Rod Barlow

This information was included in the presentation given by Jane Broadhead.

6. WIA Performance Outcomes – Rod Barlow and Karla Aguirre

This information was provided during the committee report.

7. Youth Council Chair Report – Steve Leyba for Paul Jackson

Steve Leyba extended an invitation to the Youth Council to attend the Central Region Council retreat on August 23, 2007. Gordon Swensen from the Region Council is chairing this retreat and needs someone from Youth Council to help with the planning of this event. Sheri VanBibber volunteered. Cassy Hahn will inform Gordon Swensen.

8. Committee Progress Reports:

The progress report for each committee was as follows:

Alternative Education – A proposal to obtain information about high school drop outs and youth who are getting into trouble had been put together. He noted they are having trouble with FERPA and allowing other entities to identify and contact these individuals to offer other alternatives. We have been informed by DWS Legal Counsel that there is not a way to get around FERPA to communicate this information to other entities.

Performance/Contract Compliance – Dave Melville – Dave Melville referred to the Youth Council report of 2007 and expressed that he is impressed that new youth are continuing to meet the goals and enroll in programs. When youth are released from being incarcerated, they are expected to be in school or work to meet their parole. A decline in internships was noted. However, internships are not usually paid as a full-time job and with the shortage of employees these youth are obtaining full-time paying jobs. This may

be a contributing factor for the drop. He expressed his appreciation for the YES program and the excellent job they are doing.

Business & Targeted Industries – Amber Adams – No report was given.

Youth Activities/Partnerships – Sheri VanBibber – Sheri VanBibber did a presentation last month for the Central Region Council and was asked about the justforyouth.com website and how they could better understand the website. This website was originally designed for low income youth and needs to be designed for all youth. Efforts on how to market this through media such as radio, billboards, theater ad space, etc. is being pursued. In addition, job listings for students age 14-21 has been requested for this website. Ms. VanBibber invited all Youth Council members to look at this website and provide her with any suggestions. More information will be forthcoming on this.

9. Other Business

Amber Adams referred to a handout for a seminar on “Crucial Confrontations” and “How Top Performers Influence Others”. This will be held on March 21, 2007 and the cost is \$32.00 per participant, which includes lunch. Reservations should be received by noon the day before the event.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

The next Youth Council meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2007. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.